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Join a Backcountry Adventure at Petrified Forest National Park

Petrified Forest, AZ—On January 1st, all 50 states will be participating in the fifth annual national event that encourages everyone to celebrate the New Year with a guided outdoor exploration. In honor of the National Park Service Centennial, and celebrating ‘First Day Hikes in America’, join avid hikers Gary and Connie Grube for a guided adventure through the backcountry of Petrified Forest National Park. The Grubes have logged hundreds of miles hiking and volunteering with the park. Join them as they share one of their favorite gems of the Petrified Forest.

January 1st, 2016 New Year’s Day Hike

Friday, 9AM - 1PM

Martha’s Butte & Beyond

distance: 4-5 miles

difficulty: easy to moderate

Meet for the hike at: Dry Wash Bridge; park just south of milepost 22 on the main park road.

Hikes are free; regular park entrance fees apply. Dogs on leash welcome. Inclement weather or extreme mud will cancel. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and carry water. Hats, sunblock, snacks, and walking sticks are advised. Not able to attend? Ask at the visitor center to take an Off the Beaten Path excursion on your own. RSVP appreciated; contact Sarah Hervé at sarah_herve@nps.gov or 928-524-6228, ext. 264